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5. (Secret - JGO) Met with Chairman George Miller (D., Calif.), House Science and Astronautics Committee, who told me that the press of business will be such between now and the close of the session that he is going to withhold scheduling of an Agency briefing until after January 10. Chairman Miller noted in passing that he is looking forward with great anticipation to visiting the South Pole during the Christmas holidays.

I briefed the Chairman on a Soviet space failure.

6. (Secret - JGO) Talked to Mr. John R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who advised that the figures he gave me last week on Soviet and Chinese aid to North Vietnam should have read 1.2 billion and 800 million respectively. These figures ostensibly were given to the House Appropriations Committee by the Agency earlier in the year. I advised Mr. Blandford that both the original figures he gave me last week and the revised figures are incorrect but that I would recheck the matter and be back in touch with him.

7. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Mr. Ralph Devlin, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who advised that in hearings last Friday on H.R. 15024 (a bill to provide a 5 per cent increase in annuities based on involuntary separation from Civil Service between 1 November 1969 and 2 January 1970) the Committee Chairman and Minority Leader indicated almost unalterable opposition to the bill.

I met later with the Bill Clerk of the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee, Donna Yee, who advised that the Committee reported H.R. 9233 yesterday to include an amendment providing for 5 per cent increase in annuities payable for involuntary separation having a commencing date after 1 November 1969 and before 2 January 1970. (Apparently no hearing was held on this annuity increase before reporting the bill to the Senate.)


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